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1. The armored force of the Hungarian Army has one training regiment, which was located in July 1949 at a camp at Kenyérmező. This regiment, which has no numerical designation, is under the Budapest division command, headed by General Gyula Liptay. The regiment consisted of two battalions of two companies each. The regimental commander was Colonel Gyula Usztay, with Lt. Col. Géza Toth as executive officer.
2. Each tank company was supposed to have 22 tanks of type T-34. However, in July the lack of equipment was such that only the first and third companies possessed their complement of tanks, while the other two companies had no tanks at all, and existing equipment had to be shared for training purposes.
3. The regiment had a strength of 18 officers and 480 men. The commander of the first battalion was Major Béla Mészáros; of the second battalion, Captain Lajos Garami. Major Dezső Hoffmann was the political commissar.
4. Attached to the training regiment is a machine-gun battalion of chasseurs, divided into four companies with a total of 360 men. The battalion, which is commanded by Lt. Col. Géza Toth, has weapons of Soviet manufacture and 32 three-ton Tatra trucks.
5. It was expected that by October 1949 the training regiment would have its full complement of tanks, and might also be expanded to comprise four battalions instead of the present two. Eventually, it is hoped to attach one tank battalion to each divisional command.

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